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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

AMERICAN ART-UNION.

(*As amended and adopted December*, 23, 1843.)

ART. I. Every subscriber of five dollars or more, per annum, shall be a member of this Association, and shall be entitled to the privileges of membership.

ART. II. The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, a Committee of Management of fifteen members, not professional Artists, and such Honorary Secretaries and Agents as said Committee of Management may deem it expedient to appoint. And the Committee of Management may choose five of their number as an Executive Committee, and the President of the Association shall be ex-officio a member of said Committee.

ART. III. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at the meetings of the Association, to watch over its interest generally, to recommend such measures as he may deem calculated to promote the objects of the Institution, and to call meetings of the Association when he may think proper, or when requested so to do by not less than fifteen members. The Chairman of the Executive Committee shall exercise the powers of the President in case of his absence from the meetings of the Association.

ART. IV. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to institute and carry on the correspondence of the Association, and to lay the same before the said Committee: to pay over to the Treasurer monthly, or oftener if required, all moneys that shall come into his hands, and to perform such other duties appertaining to his office as may be prescribed by said Committee of Management.

ART. V. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep the records of the Association and of the Committee of Management. He shall have in charge the seal of the Association, and shall affix the same to such documents and papers as shall be ordered by the Committee of Management; he shall also attend to and perform such other duties appertaining to his office as the Committee of Management shall direct.

ART. VI. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to call a public meeting of the Association for the first Monday of December in each year, for the purpose of appointing a nominating Committee to recommend Candidates for the offices of the Association. He shall cause notice of such meeting to be published daily for six days previously thereto, in three of the newspapers published in the City of New York, which may be designated by the Committee of Management. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members of the Association, and they shall report the nominations they may make to its annual meeting on the third Monday of December, or such other day as may, under the charter, be duly appointed to elect the officers of the Association.

Art. VII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive the moneys of the Association from the Corresponding Secretary, and to disburse the same as shall be directed by the Committee of Management or by the Executive Committee, keeping regular books of entry and account of all such receipts and disbursements, and to report to the Committee of Management the state of the treasury, as often as required so to do. He shall, previous to the annual meeting of the Association in each year, render to the Committee of Management a full and complete report of all moneys received and disbursed by him.

ART. VIII. The Committee of Management shall have in charge the general supervision and management of the interests and affairs of the Association. They shall purchase such works of Art, executed by Artists in the United States, or by American Artists abroad, as they may think worthy of selection, and as the state of the treasury shall warrant. They shall have power to appoint Sub-Committees, and such Honorary Secretaries and Agents as the interests of the Association shall seem to them to require; to prescribe their respective duties, and to fix their compensation or salaries; and they may adopt or execute generally such measures as

shall to them appear to be proper and necessary to carry out the objects of this Institution.

ART. IX. The fund raised by annual subscriptions shall be appropriated under the direction of the Committee of Management, and when by them delegated, by the Executive Committee, to defraying the necessary expenses of the Association, to the purchasing works of art, under the eighth article, and to defray the expense of publishing annually an engraving for distribution among the Associates.

ART. X. At the annual meeting of the Association in December, the works of Art purchased during the year, shall become, by lot, publicly determined, the property of individual members, each member being entitled to one chance or share in such distribution for each five dollars by him subscribed and paid.

ART. XI. All donations of paintings or other works of Art shall be deemed the permanent property of the Association for the use of its members. The Association may, however, at its annual or other legal meetings, authorize a sale of any of its permanent property, for the purpose of re-investment in other more desirable property.

ART. XII. The Committee of Management shall, at every annual meeting of the Association in December, render a report of their proceedings during the year, stating the principles which governed them in the selection of works of Art; and entering into such details as they shall think proper, and of interest to their associates.

ART. XIII. All annual subscriptions to the Association shall be for the current year, expiring on the 31st day of December, and no subscriber shall be entitled to the privileges of membership until his subscriptions have been paid.

ART. XIV. It shall be the duty of the Committee of Management to frame a code of Bye-Laws for their own government, in conformity with this Constitution, which Bye.Laws shall be equally binding with the Constitution itself; and may at any time be altered or amended by said Committee, ten of the members thereof voting for such alteration or amendment.

ART. XV. This Constitution may be hereafter altered ro amended at any regular or special meeting of the Association, notice of the intention of such alteration or amendment being publicly

given, at least one week previous to the meeting which shall adopt such alteration or amendment.

ART. XVI. The Committee of Management shall have power to suspend or expel such officers or members of the Committee as shall neglect or refuse to comply with the Constitution, Bye-Laws, or regulations of the Association.

NOTE.

The Committee of Management regret, that the Engraving for this year, "The capture of Major Andre," could not be completed in season, to be distributed at the time named in the annual report. They had the assurance of the engravers that it would be then ready, but their great desire to complete it in a style of excellence, worthy of their own reputation, and that of the Institution, has induced them to retain the plate and continue to perfect it till this time. The subscribers cannot be more chagrined at the delay, than the Committee are.